

**SEC. 613. ALLOWANCE TO COVER PORTION OF MONTHLY DEDUCTION FROM BASIC PAY FOR SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS SERVING IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM OR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.**

(a) Allowance to Cover SGLI Deductions- Chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**` Sec. 437. Allowance to cover portion of monthly premium for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance: members serving in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom**

` (a) Required Reimbursement for Premium Deduction- (1) In the case of a member of the armed forces who has insurance coverage for the member under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program under subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38 and who serves in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom at any time during a month, the Secretary concerned shall pay the member an allowance under this section for that month in an amount equal to the amount of the deduction made under subsection (a)(1) of section 1969 of such title for the first \$150,000 of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage held by the member under section 1967 of such title.

` (2) If a member described in paragraph (1) elected to be insured in an amount less than the coverage amount specified in paragraph (1) or in effect pursuant to subsection (b), the amount of the allowance under this section for a month shall be equal to the amount of the deduction made for that month under subsection (a)(1) of section 1969 of title 38 from the basic pay of the member for the amount of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage actually held by the member under section 1967 of such title.

` (b) Authority to Increase Maximum Reimbursement Amount- For purposes of subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense is authorized to increase the coverage amount specified in paragraph (1) of such subsection to permit the reimbursement of all or an additional amount of the deduction made under section 1969(a)(1) of title 38 for levels of coverage in excess of \$150,000 for members under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

` (c) Notice of Availability of Allowance- To the maximum extent practicable, in advance of the deployment of a member to a theater of operations referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall give the member information regarding the following:

` (1) The availability of the allowance under this section for members insured under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

` (2) The ability of members who elected not to be insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or elected less than the coverage amount specified in subsection (a)(1) or in effect pursuant to subsection (b), to obtain insurance, or to obtain additional coverage, as the case may be, under the authority provided in section 1967(c) of title 38.'

(b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

` 437. Allowance to cover portion of monthly premium for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance: members serving in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.'

(c) Effective Date; Notification- Section 437 of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to service by members of the Armed Forces in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act. In the case of members who are serving in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom as of such date, the Secretary of Defense shall provide such members, as soon as practicable, the information specified in subsection (c) of that section.